

114.3 CMR: DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE AND POLICY

Amendments to 114.3 CMR 17.00 Medicine

Section:

17.01: General Provisions Delete section (1) and replace with:

- (1) Scope, Purpose and Effective Date. 114.3 CMR 17.00 governs the rates of payment used by all governmental units for medical services rendered to publicly-aided patients by eligible providers. 114.3 CMR 17.00 is effective on and after June 1, 2006. Rates for services rendered to individuals covered by the Worker's Compensation Act, M.G.L. c. 152, are set forth at 114.3 CMR 40.00.

17.02: General Definitions Add in section (1) after the paragraph on a licensed physician assistant:

- (1) Meaning of Terms.

Eligible Mid-Level Practitioner.

A certified tobacco cessation counselor, who has completed appropriate training in tobacco cessation counseling according to the qualification criteria established by the purchasing governmental unit, whose eligibility is limited to those procedures specified by the governmental unit purchasing such services, and who also meets such conditions of participation as may have been or may be adopted from time to time by a governmental unit.

17.03: General Rate Provisions Delete section (4) and replace with:

- (4) Allowable Mid-Level Fee for Qualified Mid-Level Practitioners. Payment for services provided by eligible licensed nurse practitioners, eligible licensed nurse midwives, eligible licensed physician assistants, and eligible certified tobacco cessation counselors as specified in 114.3 CMR 17.02 is 85% of the fees contained in 114.3 CMR 17.04(4). This rule does not apply to the EPSDT add-on code S0302 described in 114.3 CMR 17.03(4).

17.04: Maximum Allowable Fees Add in section (3) after the modifier –TC: Technical Component:

- (3) Modifiers

-U2: Certified Tobacco Cessation Counselor. This modifier is to be applied to

tobacco cessation counseling service codes performed by an eligible tobacco cessation counselor. Payment for services provided by eligible tobacco cessation counselor is 85% of the fees contained in 114.3 CMR 17.04(4).

17.04: Maximum Allowable Fees Insert this table after the table containing code 99602 and before the table with alphanumeric code H2011:

Tobacco Cessation Counseling Codes:

Code	NFAC	FAC	
G0376	49.53	48.69	Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; intensive, greater than 10 minutes (at least 30 minutes).
G0376 -U1	74.30	73.04	Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; intensive (intake assessment for an individual).
G0376 -HQ	29.72	29.21	Smoking and tobacco use cessation counseling visit; intensive (for an individual in a group setting).